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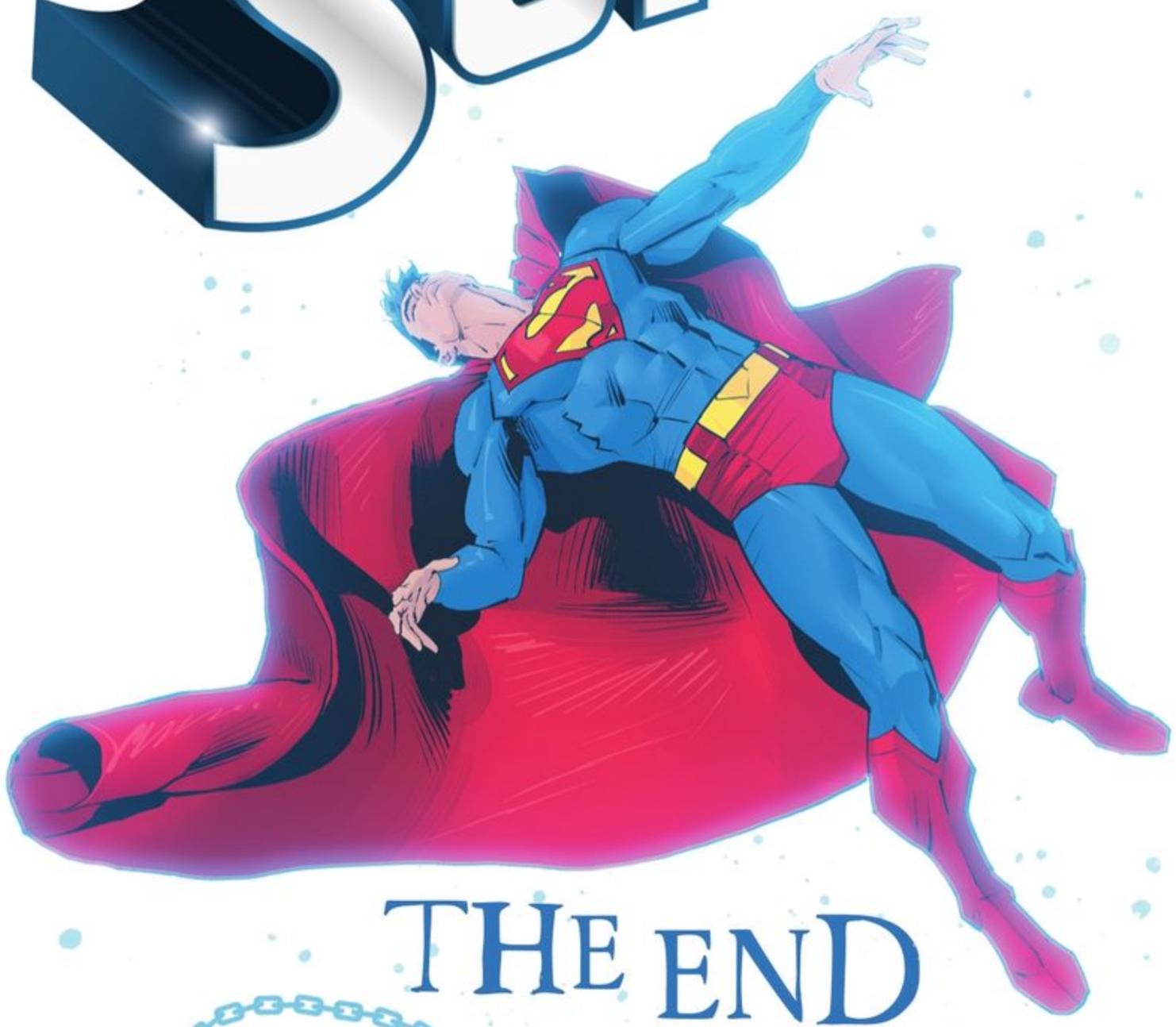

THE END IS NIGH

WILLIAMSON
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THE JOKER IS BACK...
AND WHAT'S BECOME OF HIM WILL SHOCK EVEN THE CAPED CRUSADER!

BATMAN #7

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Featuring an unbelievable **gatefold sequence** taking you inside the mind of pop culture's most dangerous villain

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A NEW STORY ARC BEGINS IN MARCH

WHY SHOULD I *TRUST* YOU?

HE SHOULDN'T HAVE.

OUR HISTORY HAS LOCKED SUPERMAN AND ME INTO A CYCLE OF DEATH AND REBIRTH.

IT IS ALL WE *ARE.*

I TRIED TO WARN HIM...THAT THE END WAS COMING. THAT THE FUTURE WOULD CHANGE AND NOT FOR THE BETTER.

HE REFUSED TO LISTEN TO ME. HE KNOWS THE TRUTH. THAT I AM ONLY A CREATURE OF *DEATH.*

AS MUCH AS I HATE TO ADMIT IT, I *NEED* SUPERMAN.

BUT HE IS GONE...FIGHTING IN A TOURNAMENT TO SAVE US ALL.

AND NOW I FIND MY LAST HOPE...

"...IN A BREED OF SUPERMAN I DID NOT *EXPECT*."

GET OUT OF HERE, ROBO-SUPES!

I GOT THESE LEGION DWEEBS!

NO, PRIME.

I MUST COMPLETE THE MISSION!

Life Secrets

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YOU WANT A FIGHT, PRIME? LET'S DO IT!

THOOM

PREPARE TO GET YOUR HEAD KNOCKED OFF, LOSER LAD!

I'VE WANTED TO KICK YOUR ASS SINCE WE MET!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? YOU'RE LITERALLY SUPERMAN'S ROBOT BUTLER.

YOU'RE ALL METAL...

...AND *METAL* IS AT *MY* MERCY.

CRACK

CRACK

I HEAR YOU HOLD THE SECRETS TO STOPPING THE FINAL GOD.

WILL THEY SPILL OUT IF I CRACK YOU OPEN?

KRAK

NO!

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!

BECAUSE IT IS WHAT *DARKSEID* DEMANDS, LOIS LANE.

IMAGINE IF YOU *JOINED* US... MAYBE DARKSEID WILL ALLOW YOU TO KEEP YOUR POWERS?

NO...I... REFUSE...

KZZT

CRACK

SUPERMAN ALWAYS SPOKE SO HIGHLY OF THE LEGION. THEY WERE HIS FRIENDS.

THEY ARE NOT *YOU.*

BUT IF YOU LOOK DEEP WITHIN YOURSELVES...MAYBE *YOU* COULD BE LIKE *THEM.*

NO THANKS.

WHEN SUPERMAN GETS BACK, HE'S GOING TO KICK YOUR ASS.

YOU THINK SO, HUH?

I'M MENTALLY CONNECTED TO DARK-SEID.

I CAN HEAR HIM. I CAN SEE WHAT HE SEES.

I KNOW THE EVENTS OF THE TOURNAMENT...

"SUPERMAN BATTLED VALIANTLY. FIGHTING HIS FRIENDS. STEALING POWERS FROM THEM. ***WINNING.***

"HE TRULY BELIEVED THAT ONLY ***HE*** COULD HOLD THE POWER, DEFEAT MY LORD, AND RESHAPE ALL OF REALITY...

"HE WAS ***SO CLOSE*** TO THE CROWN OF KING OMEGA...

"...ABANDONING HIS HUMANITY...

"...BECOMING DARKSEID...

"THEN HE HAD TO FACE THE ***HORSEMEN OF THE ABSOLUTE.***

"CHAMPIONS FROM ***MY WORLD...***

"JUST AS HE THOUGHT HE HAD OVERCOME THE DANGER...

"...HE WAS BETRAYED.

"HE ***LOST.***"

SUPERMAN IS ***DEAD.*** HE HAS ***FALLEN.*** JUST LIKE YOUR WORLD WILL.

YOU'RE LYING.

WHAT DID YOU ***EXPECT*** TO HAPPEN?

YOUR HUSBAND TRUSTED ***DOOMSDAY.*** THE CREATURE ***WHO KILLED HIM.***

ACCEPT THE SITUATION, LOIS...

HOPE IS GONE.

DARKSEID ***WINS.***

ALL BECAUSE YOUR HUSBAND MADE A MISTAKE.

BECAUSE ***SUPERMAN BELIEVED.***

HA!

I'M IN YOUR HEAD, LANE. IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

I KNOW WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO...

...BEFORE YOU DO IT.

YOU CAN'T WIN.

SMACK

KRASH

WOW, I RARELY *HIT* ANYONE...

YOUR SKIN IS STILL HARD AS A ROCK.

I'LL USE... EVERY LAST BIT...OF THESE POWERS...TO STOP YOU.

I LOVE THAT NO MATTER HOW SCARED YOU ARE...YOU KEEP PUSHING BACK.

YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN.

YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR WHOLE WORLD.

BUT DEEP DOWN...

...YOU'RE SELFISH. YOU'D BRUSH THAT ALL AWAY...

...JUST TO HOLD YOUR ***HUSBAND*** AGAIN. TO ***FLY WITH HIM*** ANOTHER DAY.

AND YOU ***NEVER WILL.***

I ALREADY AM...

THAT'S THE BEST YOU GOT?

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SHOW OFF, GO ***DEEPER*** INTO MY MIND AND TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE...

DARKSEID IS COMING,
AND THIS UNIVERSE WILL BE DESTROYED.

The only hope for survival is to forge a champion in the fires of combat.

A tournament is now held to capture the Heart of Apokolips and become the King Omega...
a champion powerful enough to match Darkseid and save reality.

The heroes and villains of the DC Universe must now look within and ask..."What am I willing to do ***TO SAVE...EVERYTHING***?"

LOOK AT THIS.

YOUR WHOLE WORLD IS ENDING AND ***THIS*** IS WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT?

WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

DARKSEID MAY DESTROY EVERYTHING...

...BUT HE CAN'T TAKE ***THIS*** FROM ME.

DARKSEID CAN ***NEVER*** HAVE WHAT ***CLARK AND I HAVE...***

BUT MAYBE YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT'S LIKE...

THIS...THESE ARE NOT YOUR MEMORIES...THESE ARE ***MINE.***

OUR MINDS ARE SO CONNECTED... THAT SOME OF MY MEMORIES ARE REVEALING THEMSELVES TO YOU... SEEING YOU WITH CLARK...

I...

I...

YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT LOVE THAN YOU LET ON...

...WHAT...IS HAPPENING...?

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS...

...I CAN'T HEAR DARKSEID'S VOICE...

THEN LISTEN TO *ME* INSTEAD.

YOU CAN *HELP* US.

TAKE US TO SUPERMAN. HELP HIM. HE CAN DEFEAT DARKSEID AND *FREE YOU* FOR GOOD.

I...

YOU #@$%@# WITH THE WRONG SUPERMAN!

SMASH

HEY! BACK OFF MY BUDDY, YOU WANNABE--

GO GRIFE YOURSELF.

LET'S GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT, LIGHTNING LAD. OR IS IT *LIVE WIRE?*

DOESN'T MATTER. ONE BY ONE I'M GOING TO SNAP YOUR NECKS.

STARTING WITH *YOU.*

DON'T!

OH, IS THIS WHEN YOU SEE THE LIGHT, SATURN GIRL?

PLEASE... DON'T...KILL GARTH.

HE'S MY...

JUST DON'T.

WHATEVER.

YOU'RE LUCKY I'M NOT THAT GUY ANYMORE.

LEGION. WE'RE LEAVING. *NOW.*

WHAT? ARE YOU INSANE? DARKSEID WILL BE FURIOUS.

THE LAST GOD TASKED US WITH STOPPING TIME TRAPPER AND ANY THREATS TO HIS RETURN.

YOU HEARD HIS TRUE VOICE, SATURN GIRL. YOU KNOW THERE IS NO PLACE WE CAN HIDE. DARKSEID *WILL* FIND US...

I HAVE... HOPE.

THIS VICTORY MATTERS NOT.

YOU HEARD SATURN GIRL... SUPERMAN ***LOST.***

OUR BEST CHANCE IS TO ***RUN.*** ESCAPE INTO THE DISTANT PAST AND ***KEEP*** RUNNING.

HOLD ON, DOOMIE...WE STILL HAVE A SHOT.

COSMIC BOY BROKE OUR ROBOT BUT...HIS PROCESSOR STILL WORKS...AND THERE'S SOMETHING ***YOU*** NEED TO ***SEE...***

PRIME IS RIGHT, TIME TRAPPER.

THERE ARE THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW. ABOUT YOUR OWN HISTORY.

I HAVE BEEN TO THE ENDS OF TIME AND BACK. I HAVE SEEN THE PAST AND FUTURE.

THERE IS VERY LITTLE I DON'T KNOW.

SHOW HIM.

DOOMSDAY. I AM LARA LOR-VAN, AND I COME BEARING REVELATIONS AS TO YOUR TRUE ORIGINS. YOU WERE CREATED ON KRYPTON. YOU KNOW THAT...

...YOU BELIEVE YOU WERE CREATED TO DESTROY DARKSEID.

BUT DARKSEID IS THE OMEGA AND YOU ARE THE ***ALPHA.*** THE END AND THE BEGINNING.

WHAT IS THIS?

YOU ARE ***MORE*** THAN ***DEATH.*** YOU WERE NOT CREATED ONLY FOR DESTRUCTION.

YOUR POWERS OF RESURRECTION REPRESENT ***SECOND CHANCES.***

I WISH EVERYONE HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY.

DEATH. REBIRTH. DEATH. REBIRTH. YOU ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF LIFE ETERNAL...AND THE ALPHA.

KRYPTON NEVER ***GOT*** A SECOND CHANCE, TIME TRAPPER.

I HOPE YOU CAN HELP MY SON GIVE ***HIS*** ADOPTED WORLD ONE--

THE MISSION IS COMPLETE. I... MADE...IT.

KLIT

WHY DID YOU FIGHT COSMIC BOY? YOU COULD HAVE JUST FLOWN AWAY.

I DID... WHAT...SUPERMAN... WOULD DO.

KLIT

WHEN YOU SEE THE REAL SUPERMAN...TELL HIM...TELL HIM...

IT'S TIME.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT I MUST. WHAT I HAVE AVOIDED.

IF SUPERMAN HAS TRULY FALLEN...

...IT IS TIME I FACE DARKSEID MYSELF.

NO MATTER HOW LARGE HIS ARMY IS.

I HAVE JUST ENOUGH POWER LEFT...

...FOR ONE LAST... LIFE...

TO BE CONTINUED IN DC K.O. #5!

...BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

SUPERSHIP LL-001. LUNAR ORBIT.

ANY SIGN OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, MERCY?

NO, BUT THE ENERGY READING DOWN ON EARTH IS LIKE NOTHING WE'VE EVER SEEN, SUPERWOMAN.

REALITY IS COMING UNRAVELED AS THE TOURNAMENT CONTINUES.

WE MIGHT NEED TO FIND A ***NEW*** HOME.

"THE TITANS REPORTED THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO GET EVERYONE OFF-WORLD IN TIME AND HOLD OFF A FEW THREATS...

"MR. TERRIFIC SAID HIS CREW WAS ON A MISSION AND SUCCEEDED."

I HOPE IT'S ENOUGH.

YOUR POWERS ARE LEAVING AGAIN. YOU SAID YOU WERE BLASTED WITH SOME ***ENERGY*** AND IT POWERED YOU UP?

I DON'T WANT TO RISK THAT AGAIN...I NEED OUR LABS DOWN ON EARTH TO SCAN YOU...

...AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN WE'LL BE GETTING BACK THERE.

I DON'T WANT TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW.

I NEED TO FIND THEM FIRST.

LOIS, WE'VE GOT MILLIONS ON BOARD. FINDING THEM MIGHT BE LIKE FINDING A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY. IN TIMES OF TROUBLE...

...LOOK FOR THE HELPERS.

THROW IT UP HIGHER, MR. KENT!

I KNOW THIS IS ALL SO SCARY. YOU'RE WORRIED AND STRESSED.

BUT *PARENT* TO *PARENT*... YOU'RE ALL DOING *GREAT.*

ONE DAY YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK BACK AT ALL THIS AND BE SO PROUD OF YOURSELVES.

LISTEN TO ME, KIDS. YOU'RE ALL GOING TO GO HOME SOON, OKAY?

GOOD PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE DOING THEIR BEST TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN RIGHT NOW.

MARTHA!

JONATHAN!

WHERE'S CLARK?

I... I DON'T KNOW.

I KNOW OUR SON CAN OVERCOME ANYTHING...

...BUT SOMETHING ABOUT THIS FEELS DIFFERENT.

I FEEL LIKE... GOD, I FEEL LIKE A PART OF MY HEART HAS GONE MISSING.

I...I KNOW. BUT I'M NOT GIVING UP HOPE. I KNOW HE CAN DO THIS. HE'LL COME FLYING BACK TO US LIKE HE ALWAYS DOES.

BUT THERE IS SOMEONE I THINK NEEDS YOU AS MUCH AS I DO.

MARTHA, JONATHAN...

...THIS IS SUPERBOY-PRIME.

ACTUALLY...

...I WAS HOPING YOU'D CALL ME CLARK.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH IN...
"REIGN OF THE SUPERBOYS"!

THE FINAL BATTLE FOR THE HEART OF APOKOLIPS!

KO #5

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A FIVE-ISSUE EVENT

FIND OUT WHO IS CROWNED KING OMEGA IN MARCH

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TRINITY
DAUGHTER OF WONDER WOMAN

INTERVIEW WITH TOM KING

Writer Tom King and artist Daniel Sampere introduced Trinity in 2023 as the daughter of Wonder Woman and Steve Trevor. The character (familiarly known as Lizzie) instantly captivated fans and headlined her own six-issue series, the aptly titled *Trinity: Daughter of Wonder Woman*, from King and artist Belén Ortega—featuring Lizzie at three different ages in a time-trekking adventure intersecting with some of the most pivotal moments in DC history. With *Trinity: Daughter of Wonder Woman* available soon as a softcover collected edition, King reflects on what makes this story so special.

Tom, it's fair to say you're primarily known for writing a darker type of story at DC, and *Trinity* feels like you're having a different type of fun. What did this story mean to you and how does it stand out from your other DC work?

Trinity is hands-down one of my favorite writing experiences I've ever had. Sometimes I write things—*Mister Miracle*, *Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow*—and there's a little magic in it, and when it's coming out I can see how it's connecting with the audience, see how it's connecting with me, see how it's connecting with my children. *Trinity* has that.

I love my sad, depressing comics, don't get me wrong. But I also love a different kind of comic. I grew up on these wonderful things I'd read in the newspaper that made me smile and laugh and were silly—and were actually kind of deep. If you read *Peanuts*, if you read *Calvin and Hobbes*, it's funny and silly day-to-day, but the whole thing has an incredible message about imagination and depression and relating to other people and hope in the world. All that stuff is in there, but it's disguised behind a warm, welcoming humor. I wanted to make a book that did that.

It's fun seeing the tone of the story, and how you've juxtaposed it with past DC events—including going back to territory you're very familiar with in the Bat/Cat wedding.

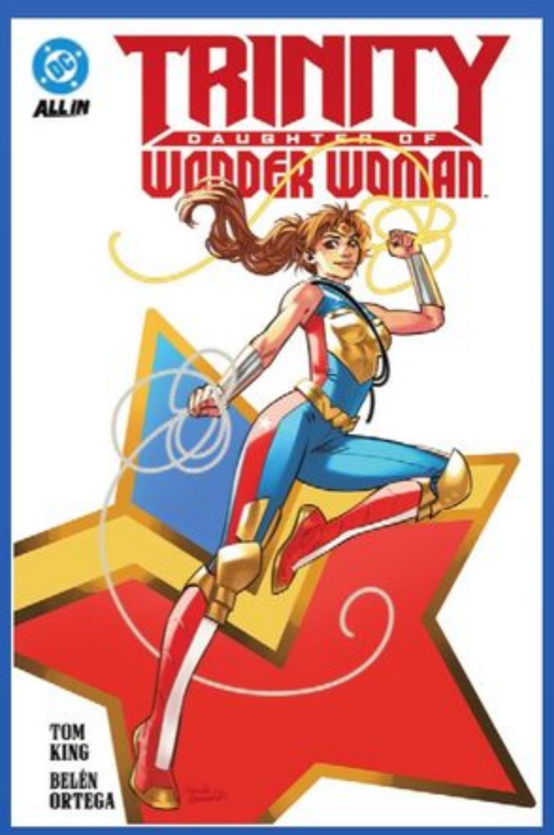
We live in very heavy times. You always want to give people a break from that. That's part of the power of comics.

But on the other side of it, of all the books I'm writing, this is the one that makes me cry. There are these very emotional moments about these three young women going through this experience.

They're trying to reconnect with their father. They're also looking to connect with each other through the unique experience of being alone in the world—being the daughter of Wonder Woman. How unique that is, how isolating that can be. There are these moments of utter revelation where they find each other, and it connects you to a deeper emotion. While you're laughing at silly dog jokes.

Speaking of dogs, the homage variant covers featuring corgis are incredible.

I went to Belén Ortega—who is brilliant—and asked, what do you want to draw? "I want a samurai story and a corgi story." I was like, "How am I going to do a story about samurai and corgis?" It became so much fun. It started with this utterly bizarre problem I did not know how I could solve and became the solution for the whole thing.



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a Corgi in the Family
Part Two
Robin is about to die at the hands of the Joker.
And Wonder Girl can do nothing about it.
Or can she?
by KING, ORTEGA & GUERRERO

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